

The highest aspiration of every Christian young man and woman, should be, to live well; to be useful. And a question that arises with many is,—what course shall I pursue? what preparation shall I make if my life will be all that it is possible for it to be? Much depends on the way we deal with these vital matters. Now, fellow young people, granting that you want to make the most of life, do you not feel that with better educational acquirements you can be of more use to the world? We know you can be, for with a broader learning, invariably comes a broader scope of usefulness. Will you think seriously about this matter? And after having thought, decide to come to Ashland next year.

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The Mission Field

MISSIONARY CATECHISM

BY A COLLEGE PRESIDENT

(1) What is the fundamental missionary work?
The endowment of our college.

(2) Why is this so?

Because the most important matter is the question of men. Well prepared men are the first essential, and the college is the only agency we have upon which we can rely for regular, adequate supply. The prepared men always find ways of accomplishing the desired results.

(3) Does not the commission of Jesus make the sending of men the first thing?

Yes, but before Jesus gave his commission he prepared his men. With Jesus the first work was educational work. He spent three years in training men before he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

(4) Do you consider money put into colleges as well invested from a benevolent standpoint as if put directly into missionary or evangelistic work?

Owing to the existing condition of the colleges among the Disciples, money put into colleges now yields five times as much in good as if put into any other channel of benevolent work.

WELL TRAINED MISSIONARIES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF A COLLEGE IN INDIA

In view of what has been said it is obvious that missionaries should be thoroughly educated men and women. The best natural gifts disciplined and developed by the training of years are in demand. Let there be no short cuts into the mission field. Seven years of literary and theological training may seem long to some of you whose hearts are throbbing with enthusiasm for Christ, and who contemplate with horror the rapid rate at which the unevangelized millions are passing into eternity without having heard a word of the world's Savior. To you I would say: Wait! Here God is fashioning you into workmen who need not to be ashamed. Toil on at that Greek and German and Latin. Master as best you can the philosophies and histories and sciences of the schools, studying all the while to know more and more of the mind of the Master. Every fact learned

now will count for something by and by, and you will exceedingly rejoice over this equipment when in the future you will discover how very inadequate, after all, that which you gain thru years of patient preparation is to enable you to accomplish what your heart prompts you to attempt for him whose service is your joy.

From the National Capital

The members of the "Mystic Shrine" have been making supreme demonstrations in our midst during the past few days. From their name one would naturally think of *mysterious worshippers*. Whatever may be said of their *worshipful presence* it is clearly evident that they believe in making no small display and their characteristic emblems would seem to indicate a strong disposition toward moslemism. Had the Lord taught them to observe some of the absurdly ridiculous things that they practice, doubtless they would have reasoned differently.

But the strangest part of all is that such orders insist upon doing all these things in the name of the Christian religion. Well, it is a good thing that our God is able to know full well the difference between the mystery of godliness and the mystery of iniquity.

We are glad to tell you that since our last letter we have had several visitors whose presence has cheered us on our way, and we were very glad to have them at the services on Sunday. They were Brother Welty of Louisville, Ohio, Brother Daniel Crofford of Johnstown, Pennsylvania and Brother Furry and wife of New Enterprise, Pennsylvania. Brother Welty preached for us in the morning and Brother Crofford at night. Both discourses were quite helpful and were much appreciated. Come again brethren.

And just here I wish to speak of one thing referred to in Brother Cassady's letter of week before last. His words would seem to indicate that I was rather complaining on account of the falling off in the way of financial support since the purchase of our church home. Brother Cassady did not mean to make such an impression of course, for it is not our business to complain, even tho we do not always have all we would wish. We are still much in need of funds to meet current expenses, but we still have the same God to go to, and "He is faithful that promised;" and Phil. 4: 19 has never yet failed me. He that hath helped us hitherto will still help. "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37: 5.

We feel to bless God again and again for the continued interest among the dear brethren and sisters in behalf of the cause here. Many letters of good cheer are being received from time to time. They do my heart good. I trust to be able to answer them later.

Sister E. G. Good, of New Market, Virginia, by her untiring zeal has added another "Brick Card" to the church property fund, plus a goodly sum of her own, all of which will be noticed in the regular report.

Before closing let me mention the very praise-worthy example of little Edna Van-Lear of Good's Mills, Virginia. She had a present of ten cents to buy candy with, but she offered it freely, saying "I want to help the mission."

Would to God that many older people who sometimes talk and sing much about consecration and self denial would take lessons from some of the little children. What an awful reckoning awaits those who are indulging in the vanities of fashion and style, who seem to live simply to make a "fair show in the flesh," while they put off the Lord's cause with the bare leavings!

Of all such Jesus has plainly said, "Ye can not be my disciple." May many more be quickened according to the word of God while in the day of His grace and visitation!

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The Sunday School

LESSON 11—JUNE 10, 1900

Death of John the Baptist.—Mark 6: 14-29

Golden Text—Be not drunken with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.—Eph. 5: 18.

Lesson Thought.—A Herod may take off the head of a John the Baptist but he can not touch his soul.

Time.—John was imprisoned in March or April, A. D. 28. He was beheaded a year later, in March or April, A. D. 29.

Place.—John was imprisoned and beheaded at Macherus, a fortress and castle at the southern extremity of Perea, on the borders of Arabia, nine miles east of the north end of the Dead Sea.

Home Readings

Luke 1: 5-80; 3: 1-18; John 1: 15-37; Matt. 11: 1-15; Mark 6: 14-29; Rev. 7: 9-17

Lesson Text

14 And king Herod heard thereof; for his name had become known: And he said, John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers work in him.

15 But others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is a prophet, even as one of the prophets.

16 But Herod, when he heard thereof, said, John, whom I beheaded, he is risen.

17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 And Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him; and she could not.

20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous man and a holy, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was much perplexed; and he heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the high captains, and the chief men of Galilee;

22 And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and them that sat at meat with him; and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went out, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou forth-